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In re the application of
Vonderwalde et al.

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002 having a response due by December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1- 10, 12-15, 52, 54, 55 and 56.

Please amend claim 49 and 53 to read as follows:

49. (Twice Amended) The stent assembly of claim 53 wherein the stent cover is secured to the body of the stent by undulations of the second ring section which extend over a second end portion of the stent cover.

53. (Amended) A stent assembly, comprising: